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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP - FRENCH PROPOSAL

REF: LONDON 15567

1. WE REGRET EXCEEDINGLY THAT MAXEY IS DISAPPOINTED AT CIRCULATION OF U.S. THOUGHTS CONCERNING POSSIBLE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 6 MEETING. GOVERNMENTS HAD NOT AGREED TO PROPOSED AGENDA CONTAINED GENEVA 7461 AND, ACCORDINGLY, USG SUGGESTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF GENEVA GROUP GOVERNMENTS SIMPLIFIED AGENDA CONTAINED STATE 240224. U.S. HAS NO INTENTION OF DICTATING WHAT OTHER GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS SHOULD DISCUSS BUT, GIVEN IMMINENCE OF MEETING, WISHED TO INDICATE IN ADVANCE THAT TIME WOULD NOT PERMIT U.S. TO PREPARE TO DISCUSS IN MEANINGFUL TERMS MUCH MORE THAN FRENCH PROPOSAL IN ITS RELATIONSHIP TO UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

2. WE ALSO HAD A JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEM WITH THE AGENDA WORKED OUT AD REFERENDUM BY GENEVA GROUP ON SEPTEMBER 23.

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IN SEPTEMBER 1964, WHEN UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM

FIRST INVITED GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA MEETING,
THE INVITATION WAS DIRECTED TO "GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE
SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTORS TO THE BUDGETS OF THE SPECIALIZED

AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO CONCERT THEIR VIEWS ON
THE GENERAL TRENDS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BUDGETS OF THE
PRINCIPAL AGENCIES." SUBSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE CONTINUED TO
VIEW GENEVA GROUP AS RESPONSIBLE SOLELY FOR SPECIALIZED
AGENCY MATTERS. FOR THAT REASON WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO
KEEP A SIMULTANEOUS EFFORT REGARDING THE UN BUDGET ON A
SEPARATE AND DISTINCT TRACK. WE HAD THOUGHT THIS TWO-TRACK
APPROACH HAD BEEN AGREED WITH THE BRITISH IN NEW YORK AS
WITH THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS (FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY, AND JAPAN) IN THE NEW YORK APPROACHES.

3. BECAUSE OF AN INDICATED DISPARITY OF U.S. AND UK VIEWS
(LONDON 15325) U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE PREFERRED MORE
PREPARATORY WORK INVOLVING EXPLICIT AGREEMENT OF CAPITALS
BEFORE ENTERING UPON A NEW YORK MEETING. HOWEVER, EVENTS
HAVE PROBABLY MADE POSTPONEMENT INADVISABLE AT THIS STAGE.
WE WOULD HOPE, THEREFORE, WITH THE COOPERATION OF OUR
BRITISH CO-CHAIRMAN TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION OF THE
FRENCH PROPOSAL NEXT WEEK TO THE EXTENT THE GENEVA GROUP
CAN AGREE WHILE CAUSING THE LEAST POSSIBLE AMOUNT OF
DISRUPTION TO THE ONGOING ACTIVITIES OF OUR MISSIONS IN
NEW YORK.

4. PLEASE INFORM MAXEY THAT TOUSSAINT WILL TELEPHONE HIM
SEPTEMBER 30 IN LONDON TO DISCUSS ISSUES AND TO WORK OUT
AGREED SIMPLIFIED AGENDA TO BE PROPOSED BY CO-CHAIRMEN
USING AGENDA CONTAINED LONDON 15469 AS POINT OF DEPARTURE.
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